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Fall Conference Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for MML's fall conference, which will be held October 10-12, 2018 at The Westin in Annapolis, MD. Complete conference details are available [online](#), and also in the August issue of the *Municipal Maryland* magazine. Use these links to view the preliminary conference [schedule](#), [hotel information](#), or to [register](#) online. By registering online, you will save \$50 on your registration fee. You will also save money if you register by September 14. Registration fees and meal tickets increase in price on September 15. Register today to be part of this training event designed especially for Maryland's city and town officials!

MML Seeks Assistance for Collaboration/Service-Sharing Workshop

Does your municipality have a good success story to tell about collaborating across jurisdictional boundaries? Has your city or town been involved in a service-sharing or partnering effort with important lessons to share with your fellow municipal leaders? The 2018 MML fall conference – October 10-12 in Annapolis – will include a session on “Collaborative Solutions to Common Municipal Problems,” and the League is looking to its membership for best practices and willing presenters. If you have an idea, please contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at tomr@mdmunicipal.org or 410-295-9100 **prior to August 17**.

2019 MML Summer Conference: Call for Session Proposals

The 2019 MML conference planning committee (CPC) will begin developing next year’s summer conference agenda in early September and would appreciate educational session proposals from MML membership and departments, state agencies, conference exhibitors, strategic partners, and other subject matter experts.

Proposals should include a 50-100 word abstract describing your session, as well as 2-4 learning objectives and names of suggested instructors/presenters if available. You are encouraged to submit your proposal using the summer conference [proposal form](#) **prior to September 1, 2018**. If you have questions or need assistance, contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at 410-295-9100 or tomr@mdmunicipal.org.

Underground Utility Law Rewrite in Progress

MML has been a part of a workgroup to update and rewrite portions of Maryland law that pertain to underground utilities. The process for developing legislation to be introduced in 2019 is wrapping up. We encourage public works officials to please take a look at the link below with the draft changes and reply to Bill Jorch, billj@mdmunicipal.org with questions/comments/concerns. We just received this new draft today and the **next meeting is Wednesday** morning so quick replies are appreciated!

In particular please review ([Link](#)):

- Definition of “Detectable and Locatable Underground Facilities” on page 2
- Definition of “Underground Facility” on pages 5-6
- Section 12-103 “Scope of subtitle” on page 6
- Section 12-121 on pages 15-16
- Section 12-129 on page 23

Governor’s Office Announces Grant Opportunity to Boost Volunteerism

The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism is accepting applications for 2018 Volunteer Generation Fund program grants in Maryland. These grants will award up to \$25,000 for Maryland organizations to fund activities that boost the impact of volunteers in addressing critical community needs. The funding year will run from September 15, 2018 to September 14, 2019.

“Our communities are improved through programs like the Volunteer Generation Fund, as

community organizations are equipped with the tools needed to build their capacity and make a bigger impact serving our communities,” said Van Brooks, Director of the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism. “With these funds, organizations are able to recruit, manage, and retain skilled volunteers from a variety of backgrounds who will bring solutions to our communities.”

Eligible applicants must be community-based, faith-based, or government organizations, or institutions of higher education in order to apply and have been operational for at least one year at the time of application. In addition, recipients of the grant awards must provide 50% cash and/or in-kind match.

The deadline to submit applications is August 20, 2018 at 5 p.m. After a review process, applicants will be notified of their selection by September 10, 2018, pending the Office on Service and Volunteerism’s receipt of federal funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service. To learn more and apply, visit gosv.maryland.gov/available-funding.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funding for Rural Municipalities with Populations of 10,000 or less in Maryland and Delaware

Long-term, low-cost loans and grants are available for upgrades, improvements and/or new infrastructures from USDA. Deadline for applications is August 30, but project applications received later will be considered for FY2019 funding. For more information, contact the [Community Programs Department](#) or call 302-857-3625. Click [here](#) to apply.

Grant Training Opportunities

September 17-18, 2018 – Grant writing workshop. This will cover how to write grant proposals start to finish and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities. [Details](#).

November 29-30, 2018 - Grant Management Program. This will review key concepts associated with accepting and managing grant awards; including reporting and record keeping, audit requirements, and program evaluation. [Details](#).

Classifieds

Classified advertisements from Maryland cities, towns, counties and other government agencies will be published in MML’s e-Bulletin at no charge. If you would like to advertise an employment opportunity, request for proposals, or a piece of equipment for sale within the State of Maryland, please e-mail the ad copy, in a text only word doc, 200 words or less to [classified](#). Ads will appear for a 90-day period and can be resubmitted for posting if needed.

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